



County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Social Services

Bryce Yokomizo  
Director

April 15, 2003

TO: Each Supervisor

*TRUST*

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: CAREERS IN CHILD CARE - WINNER OF THE 2003 PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

I am pleased to inform you that the Careers in Child Care Training Program was selected by the Public Employees Roundtable (PER) to receive the 2003 Public Service Excellence Award (PSEA) in the **County** category. The PER is a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of organizations representing nearly 2,000,000 public employees working together to create programs which offer the maximum opportunity to promote a positive public attitude towards public employees.

The Careers in Child Care Project was implemented as a pilot at two community colleges in the First District in 1999 and later expanded to include eight additional colleges. Attachment I provides an overview of the Program.

Since 1985, the Public Employees Roundtable has selected seven winners for outstanding and innovative public service programs, and one winner from each of the following categories - federal, state, county, city governments, intergovernmental, international and community outreach areas. Los Angeles was selected as the **one** County in the nation to receive this award.

We have been advised that ten representatives from Los Angeles County will be invited to attend the "Breakfast of Champions" on May 8, 2003, at the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington D.C. Your Board will be included as invitees as indicated on Attachment II. Also, invited are Members of Congress and other distinguished guests. Attachment III lists additional individuals who will be notified of the event, which include the Governor, and several State and local legislators. You will be receiving notification from the PSEA Committee within the next two weeks.

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The week of May 5 -11 has been designated as Public Service Recognition week, and the PSEA Committee will distribute a press release to media outlets across the country. Articles about the Excellence Award winners will appear in ***USA Today*** and the ***Washington Times*** during that week. The Committee requested we not publicize receipt of this award, until they release this information on May 5, 2003.

This is the fifth award bestowed on this program since 2000. Unfortunately, because of the anticipated budget shortfall for fiscal year 03-04, funding for the Careers Program will end on June 6, 2003. We are aggressively looking for other ways to continue funding for the Careers Program and have applied for \$2 million from the First 5 LA Commission to continue the Program through 2005. Our proposal is currently in the review process and we will be notified by May 2003, if funding is granted. We will keep you apprised.

BY:nv

#### Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



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## **CAREERS IN CHILD CARE TRAINING PROGRAM FACT SHEET**

### **Background**

On June 15, 1999, Supervisor Gloria Molina introduced a Board Motion which instructed DPSS to develop and implement a project that would train motivated CalWORKs participants to work in the field of Early Childhood Development (ECD).

DPSS, working in conjunction with East Los Angeles Community College, Rio Hondo College and the local Resource and Referral agencies, developed and implemented a pilot project that offers academic training and hands-on experience in high quality child care centers. As a result of the pilot's success, eight additional community colleges implemented a Careers in Child Care Training Program.

Participants earn twenty-four semester units that are applicable to obtaining a child development permit; an additional sixteen units in general education are required by completion of the first year. In the second year, participants are placed in centers with supervising teachers who mentor them. At the end of the two year program, participants receive either an Associate Teacher's Permit or a Teacher's Permit which qualifies them to work in high quality child care centers, earning self-sufficient wages.

College administrators determined that in order for CalWORKs participants to successfully complete college courses, they require services not normally provided within a college setting. Therefore, our funding pays for the following additional services:

- ▶ Mentors, both academic and life skills to provide support and guidance on the day-to-day tasks of school attendance, employment, time, and home life management;
- ▶ One-on-one tutors and support staff sensitive to each student's particular needs; and
- ▶ Child care, transportation, books, and supply expenses.

### **Funding**

Fiscal Year 1999 - 2002, \$3,033,322.21

Fiscal Year 2002 - 2003, \$2,000,000.00

### **Status**

- ▶ 308 CalWORKs students are currently enrolled;
- ▶ 290 CalWORKs students have completed the program; and
- ▶ 18 CalWORKs students have earned an Associate of Arts degree in ECD.

## ATTACHMENT II

**PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER  
CAREERS IN CHILD CARE TRAINING PROGRAM  
INDIVIDUALS TO BE NOTIFIED/INVITED**

Name	Title	Address	Notify	Invite
Gloria Molina	Supervisor, First District	County of Los Angeles Kenneth Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple St. Los Angeles, CA 90012	✓	✓
Yvonne B. Burke	Supervisor, Second District		✓	✓
Zev Yaroslavsky	Supervisor, Third District		✓	✓
Don Knabe	Supervisor Fourth District		✓	✓
Michael D. Antonovich	Supervisor, Fifth District		✓	✓
Bryce Yokomizo	Director	Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services 12860 Crossroads Parkway South City of Industry, CA 91746	✓	✓
Lisa Nuñez	Chief Deputy		✓	✓
Ann Jankowski	Director, Bureau of Program, Policy, Research & Evaluation (BPPRE)		✓	
Pearlene Saffold	Chief, Supportive Services Division		✓	
Barbara Sullivan	Director, Specialized Supportive Services		✓	✓
Diane Villarreal	Program Director for Careers Program		✓	✓
Nadia Varela	Program Manager for Careers Program		✓	✓

## ATTACHMENT III

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INDIVIDUALS TO BE NOTIFIED/INVITED**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Notify</b>	<b>Invite</b>
Gray Davis	Governor	State Capital Building Sacramento, CA 95814	✓	
Richard Alarcón	State Senator, District 20	State Capital Building Sacramento, CA 95814	✓	
Debra Bowen	State Senator, District 28		✓	
Gilbert Cedillo	State Senator, District 22		✓	
Martha Escutia	State Senator, District 30		✓	
Betty Karnette	State Senator, District 27		✓	
Sheila Kuehl	State Senator, District 23		✓	
Bob Margett	State Senator, District 29		✓	
Tom McClintock	State Senator, District 19		✓	
Kevin Murray	State Senator, District 26		✓	
Gloria Romero	State Senator, District 24		✓	
Jack Scott	State Senator, District 21		✓	
Nell Soto	State Senator, District 32		✓	
Edward Vincent	State Senator, District 25		✓	
Ed Chavez	Assemblyman, 57 <sup>th</sup> District	13181 N. Crossroads Parkway, Suite 160 City of Industry, CA 91746-3497	✓	